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1. Rinderpest, which was virtually stamped out in Germany after the end of the 1914-1918 war, is now widespread in Saxony. 25X1
2. No accurate figures are available because the East German Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is making all possible efforts to hush up the matter. Official use of the word "rinderpest" is not allowed. The situation on farms where the disease is present is merely described as constituting a danger of infection (Infektionsgefahr).
3. No special method of notification has been laid down, and no systematic steps are being taken to combat the disease. All horned cattle in three farms at Oelzschau have been slaughtered. The area of Borna and many of the villages on the Polish border near Goerlitz are known to be centers of infection.
4. The outbreak is attributed to the importation of infected cattle from the USSR or Satellites.

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